Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 20 May 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 21 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 20 May 2021 at 02:46 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled conditions on Thursday and Friday, then a better day on Saturday. Medium from Sunday.

Headline for Thursday 20 May 2021: Rather cloudy with bright spells and showers. Strengthening winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 20 May 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
10%	10%	20%	40%	50%	50%

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Weather: Mainly dry this morning with bright spells and a few light showers. Thicker cloud this afternoon and evening with occasional rain breaking out, falling as sleet or wet snow at times over the highest summits. The drier and brightest conditions expected to be over Torridon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%

Visibility: Moderate in any showers, otherwise mostly good or very good lower down. Occasionally poor or very poor at height. Occasional or extensive cloud, base around 900m, but could be lower around the Ben Wyvis area and Assynt. Highest base possible through Torridon and perhaps Skye, summits clear at times.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	19/26 E	22/28 E	22/29 E	31/40 E	33/44 E	37/48 E	36/47 NE
900	24/30 E	23/29 E	21/29 E	29/38 E	32/42 E	35/46 E	34/45 NE
600	19/27 E	18/26 E	19/26 E	23/33 E	24/34 E	25/35 E	26/37 NE
300	11/21 E	12/23 E	9/25 E	9/31 E	10/34 E	9/37 E	10/37 NE
Glen	19/29 E	18/27 E	16/27 E	17/31 E	17/33 E	16/34 E	15/33 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	0/-6	1/-6	2/-4	2/-5	2/-6	1/-8	0/-8
900	1/-6	2/-4	3/-3	3/-4	2/-5	2/-6	1/-6
600	3/-2	4/-1	6/1	5/-0	5/-1	4/-2	4/-3
300	6/2	7/4	9/6	8/6	8/5	6/4	6/3
Glen	8/5	11/7	12/9	11/8	11/8	9/6	8/5
Freezing Level*	1200m	1200m	1300m	1200m	1200m	1100m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Temperatures around freezing over the highest summits with a significant wind chill as winds strengthen.

Forecast for Friday 21 May 2021
Weather: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain overnight and during the morning, persistent and heavy at times and wintry over the summits. Some drier and brighter conditions should develop in the afternoon and evening with cloud lifting near or above the summits, although still some showers around, again wintry over the summits. Feeling cold at height with a severe wind chill.

Maximum wind: North or Northeast 25 to 35mph gusting 50mph with a severe wind chill.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% becoming 80% through the afternoon and evening. Extensive cloud base around 600m, rising 900 to 1200m in the afternoon and evening.

Visibility: Moderate in rain or showers, otherwise good or very good lower down. Poor or very poor at first over the tops, but becoming good through the day.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 rising to 10 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 2 to 4 Celsius
Freezing level: Around the summits.

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